

REMARKS

Claims 9-26 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claims 9 and 18 are independent.

Claims 9-26 were indicated in the Action to be allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 101, as being directed toward nonstatutory subject matter. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Claims 1-8 have been canceled.

It is respectfully submitted that in regard to the above amendment and accompanying remarks, that the application is in condition for allowance. Again, should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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